



# Georgia

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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# DAILY REPORT

35th  
Legislative  
Day

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- The House will reconvene for its 36th Legislative Day on Monday, March 28 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Rules Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
- Nine bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

## Today on the Floor

### Rules Calendar

#### **SB 226 Sale or Distribution of Harmful Materials to Minors; provisions of Code Section 16-12-103 shall be applicable to libraries operated by schools; provide**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 226 requires local boards of education to create a complaint resolution policy for local schools by January 1, 2023. The complaint resolution policy must allow parents or guardians to submit complaints to the school's principal, or the principal's designee, about inappropriate content that is harmful to minors and available to the students at the school. The school's principal or designee is required to investigate whether the material is harmful to minors within seven business days from receipt of the complaint, and within 10 business days of the complaint, the school principal or designee must confer with the parent or guardian and inform him or her whether the material was deemed to be harmful to minors and whether access will be removed or restricted moving forward.

Appeals of a decision under this policy will be heard by the local board of education within 30 days of a written appeal. If a local board of education determines that the text or material at issue in an appeal is harmful to minors, the title of that text or material shall be available for electronic review on the website of the local board of education within 15 business days from the determination date and will be available for at least one year afterward. If the appealed material is physical in nature, then a parent can view that content in person at the school's media center.

**Authored By:** Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st)  
**House** Judiciary Non-Civil  
**Committee:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 97 Nays: 61

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 02-09-2022 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute  
**Amendments:**

#### **SB 345 State Government; state and local governments from mandating vaccine passports; prohibit**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 345 prohibits state and local governments from requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of providing services, accessing a facility, issuing licenses or permits, performing duties, and other matters.

**Authored By:** Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)  
**House** Health & Human Services  
**Committee:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: Nays:  
**Floor Action:** Recommit to Rules

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-22-2022 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

#### **SB 470 Mortgage Lenders and Brokers; different categories of felony convictions for purposes of investigations of mortgage loan originator applicants; provide**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 470 replaces the term "agent" with the term "covered employee" in the list of persons the Department of Banking and Finance shall revoke mortgage licenses to because of a

felony conviction. "Covered employee" is defined as a mortgage lender or broker employee involved in residential mortgage loan-related activities for Georgia properties who has access to loan origination, processing, or underwriting information.

**Authored By:** Sen. Randy Robertson (29th)  
**House** Banks & Banking  
**Committee:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 142 Nays: 1

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-23-2022 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

**SB 500 Commerce; a litigation bar on governmental entities regarding certain statewide opioid litigation; provide**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 500 concerns statewide opioid settlements and the state accessing the full amount of any settlement. It provides that entry into a statewide opioid settlement agreement bars past, present, or future claims on behalf of any governmental entity seeking to recover against an entity released under the relevant settlement agreement. The bar does not apply to bellwether claims of any entity, provided the claim is not brought in or selected by the court in relationship to the National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No.: MDL 2804 as a bellwether claim.

**Authored By:** Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)  
**House** Judiciary  
**Committee:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 133 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-21-2022 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

**SB 514 "Unmask Georgia Students Act"; enact**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 514 amends Chapter 12 of Title 20 of the O.C.G.A. to create the 'Unmask Georgia Students Act.' SB 514 provides that no local board of education, local school superintendent, governing body of a charter school, or school personnel can make or enforce any rules that require students to wear face masks or face coverings while present in any area of a school, unless that rule allows a parent or guardian to elect their child be exempt from such rule. If a parent exempts their child from the rule, they are not required to provide a reason or show any certification of a child's health status. A student cannot suffer any adverse disciplinary or academic consequences as a result of the decision of the parent. SB 514 is repealed on June 30, 2027.

**Authored By:** Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)  
**House** Education  
**Committee:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 93 Nays: 52

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-21-2022 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

**SB 543 Wrongful Death; a parent who is determined to be responsible for the homicide of his or her child shall have no right of recovery against the value of the child's life; provide**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 543 clarifies Georgia's slayer statute by prohibiting an individual who kills, conspires to kill, or procures the killing of another from subsequently claiming a right to recover from the decedent's estate.

**Authored By:** Sen. Sonya Halpern (39th)  
**House** Judiciary  
**Committee:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 156 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-17-2022 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

**SB 581 Property Boundary Lines; plane coordinates for defining and stating geographic position within this state as the Georgia State Plane Coordinate System; designate**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 581 designates the Georgia State Plane Coordinate System as the system for defining and stating geographic positions for property surveying within the state. Continued use of legal descriptions under the old system remain valid in the new system designation.

**Authored By:** Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)  
**House** Small Business Development  
**Committee:**  
**Floor Vote:** Yeas: 142 Nays: 0

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-22-2022 Do Pass  
**Action:**  
**Amendments:**

## Local Calendar

### HB 1550 Bryan County; board of elections and registration; add two members

Bill Summary: House Bill 1550 adds two members to the Bryan County Board of Elections and Registration.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Ron Stephens (164th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-24-2022 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 153 Nays: 2	<b>Amendments:</b>	

### HB 1556 Fulton County; ad valorem tax for educational purposes; provide homestead exemption

Bill Summary: House Bill 1556 provides a \$10,000 homestead exemption from Fulton County School District taxes for residents who are older than 65 years of age.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Chuck Martin (49th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-24-2022 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 153 Nays: 2	<b>Amendments:</b>	

### HB 1570 Gwinnett County; State Court; provide for an additional judge

Bill Summary: House Bill 1570 provides an additional judge for the Gwinnett County State Court.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Chuck Efstoration (104th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-24-2022 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 153 Nays: 2	<b>Amendments:</b>	

### HB 1578 Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit; chief judge; provide for designation

Bill Summary: House Bill 1578 provides for the designation of the chief judge of the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Trey Rhodes (120th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-24-2022 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 153 Nays: 2	<b>Amendments:</b>	

### HB 1585 Cherokee County; State Court; modify compensation of judges

Bill Summary: House Bill 1585 modifies the compensation of the judges of the Cherokee County State Court. Each of the judges shall receive annual compensation equal to 95 percent of the base salary paid to a judge of the Cherokee County Superior Court, plus 95 percent of the county supplement paid to a judge of the superior court.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Rep. Wesley Cantrell (22nd)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-24-2022 Do Pass
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 153 Nays: 2	<b>Amendments:</b>	

### SB 612 City of Stockbridge; corporate limits of such municipality; change

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 612 changes the corporate limits of the city of Stockbridge and provides for the city council districts.

<b>Authored By:</b>	Sen. Emanuel Jones (10th)	<b>Rule Applied:</b>	
<b>House Committee:</b>	Intragovernmental Coordination - Local	<b>Committee Action:</b>	03-24-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
<b>Floor Vote:</b>	Yeas: 153 Nays: 2	<b>Amendments:</b>	

## **Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules**

*The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 36th Legislative Day, Monday, March 28, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Monday, March 28, at 9:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 37th Legislative Day.*

### **SB 87 "Senator Jack Hill Veterans' Act"; enact**

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 87, the 'Senator Jack Hill Veterans' Act,' offers taxpayers the opportunity to contribute to the Technical College System of Georgia Foundation through the Department of Revenue. Taxpayers may elect on their income tax form to authorize the Department of Revenue to reduce the amount of the refund check by the desired amount or to contribute the desired amount above the amount of taxes owed by adding to the taxpayer's payment. The Department of Revenue shall transmit all funds received to the Technical College System of Georgia Foundation. The funds received by the foundation shall be used exclusively to award scholarships to veterans with service-connected disabilities.

**Authored By:** Sen. Michael Rhett (33rd)  
**House** Ways & Means  
**Committee:**

**Rule Applied:** Structured  
**Committee** 02-10-2022 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

### **SB 332 "Inform Consumers Act" enact**

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 332, the 'Inform Consumers Act,' compels online marketplaces to require any high-volume third-party seller (a third-party seller that has entered into at least 200 transactions of new or unused products of at least \$5,000 in any continuous 12-month period) to provide on its platform bank account information, contact information, and a business tax or taxpayer identification number to the online marketplace not later than 10 days after qualifying as a high-volume third-party seller. The online marketplace shall notify each high-volume third-party seller of the requirement to keep this information up to date. Failure to do so requires the online marketplace to suspend any future sales activity until this information is provided.

SB 332 requires high-volume third-party sellers on online marketplaces to disclose to consumers identity information such as the seller's name, physical address, and contact information. Such identity information shall be provided on the product listing page or in the order confirmation following the purchase. Partial disclosure of identity information may be granted to the high-volume third-party seller by the online marketplace if it is certified that the seller does not have the particular identity information.

The attorney general may bring a civil action if he or she has reason to believe that an online marketplace has committed a violation.

**Authored By:** Sen. John Albers (56th)  
**House** Judiciary  
**Committee:**

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-21-2022 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

### **SB 337 Public Officers; suspension of compensation because of indictment for a felony; provide**

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 337 discontinues compensation for a public official if the official is suspended as a result of a felony indictment.

**Authored By:** Sen. Larry Walker III (20th)  
**House** Governmental Affairs  
**Committee:**

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-23-2022 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

### **SB 438 Contracts; certain provisions relating to retainage of progress payments; change**

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 438 alters the retainage amount for progress payments on public works construction contracts from the current formula of 10 percent of the value of the completed work

until 50 percent of the contract is completed to a new formula of five percent throughout the contract.

**Authored By:** Sen. Lindsey Tippins (37th)  
**House** Judiciary  
**Committee:**

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-21-2022 Do Pass  
**Action:**

**SB 461 Bails, Bonds; human trafficking as a bailable offense; add the offense**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 461 adds human trafficking-related crimes in O.C.G.A. 16-5-46 to the list of crimes that are not eligible for an unsecured judicial release.

**Authored By:** Sen. Clint Dixon (45th)  
**House** Judiciary Non-Civil  
**Committee:**

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-22-2022 Do Pass  
**Action:**

**SB 562 Department of Administrative Services; companies owned or operated by Russia to bid on or submit a proposal for a state contract; prohibit**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 562 prohibits companies owned or operated by the governments of Russia or Belarus from bidding on or submitting a proposal for a state contract. The bill requires a company that submits a bid or a contract proposal to certify that the company is not a Chinese government-affiliated entity or owned or operated by the government of China. A company's false certification will result in civil liability, termination of contract, and ineligibility for future contracts.

**Authored By:** Sen. Jeff Mullis (53rd)  
**House** Governmental Affairs  
**Committee:**

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-23-2022 Do Pass  
**Action:**

**SB 565 Sentence and Punishment; any time after conviction; defendant convicted of an offense and sentenced as a direct result of being a victim of trafficking for labor or sexual servitude may petition the sentencing court to grant the relief of vacatur; provide**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 565 allows for a victim of human trafficking to vacate his or her sentence through a petition. This bill changes the timeframe of the existing procedure and allows for the petition to be filed at any time following a conviction of a misdemeanor or felony. Further, reimbursement of any fines and fees previously paid by the victim to the court that is vacating the sentence shall be paid to the victim from the Georgia Crime Victims Emergency Fund, which then creates a debt owed to the state that the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Board shall seek reimbursement for from the applicable entities. The bill also allows for remote testimony of the petitioner and expert witnesses.

**Authored By:** Sen. Brian Strickland (17th)  
**House** Judiciary Non-Civil  
**Committee:**

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-22-2022 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

**SB 566 Surprise Billing Consumer Protection Act; a medical or traumatic condition includes a mental health condition or substance use disorder; emergency medical services include post-stabilization services; clarify**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 566 adds mental health and substance use conditions to the definition of emergency medical services in order to include the conditions in the 'Surprise Billing Consumer Act.' The bill also clarifies that an emergency department visit that leads to inpatient admission will be billed as one service.

**Authored By:** Sen. Dean Burke (11th)  
**House** Insurance  
**Committee:**

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-23-2022 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

**SB 588 Local Boards of Education; all meetings of local boards of education shall be open to the public except as otherwise provided by law; provide**

**Bill Summary:** Senate Bill 588 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-58 to provide that all meetings of a local board of education have a public comment period on its agenda posted prior to the meeting. Yearly, a local board sets the dates of their meetings and makes that schedule available to the public on its website. The local board adopts rules of conduct for its public meetings and publishes these in a prominent manner on its website. No member of the public is to be removed from a meeting unless there is an actual disruption of the proceedings or there is a violation of the rules of conduct established by that board. Visual and sound recordings are permitted at all public meetings of a local board of education.

**Authored By:** Sen. Butch Miller (49th)  
**House** Education  
**Committee:**

**Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured  
**Committee** 03-23-2022 Do Pass by Committee  
**Action:** Substitute

## Committee Meeting Schedule

*This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change. To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit [www.house.ga.gov](http://www.house.ga.gov) and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).*

### Monday - March 28, 2022

9:00 AM	<a href="#">RULES COMMITTEE</a>	341 CAP	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
10:00 AM	<a href="#">FLOOR SESSION (LD 36)</a>	House Chamber	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	
1:00 PM	<a href="#">HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE</a>	406 CLOB HYBRID	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
3:00 PM	<a href="#">ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &amp; TOURISM COMMITTEE</a>	406 CLOB	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
4:00 PM	<a href="#">Special Committee on Election Integrity</a>	606 CLOB HYBRID	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>	<a href="#">Agenda</a>